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1. IT IS A SAD TRUTH THAT THE GOA PUBLISHES ALMOST NO STATISTICS ON HYDROCARBON PRODUCTION AND TRADE. EACH YEAR A COMBINED FIGURE FOR CRUDE OIL AND CONDENSATE PRODUCTION IS RELEASED (53.5 MILLION METRIC TONS IN 1977) AND THE ANNUAIRE STATISTIQUE DE L'ALGERIA GIVES A FEW FIGURES, BUT THESE ARE FOR 1975. A SMALL OFFICIAL PAMPHLET (L'ALGERIE EN QUELQUES CHIFFRES) GIVES 1976 FIGURES FOR GAS PRODUCTION (8.55 BILLION CUBIC METERS), LNG PRODUCTION (7.908 MILLION CUBIC METERS OF LIQUID), LNG EXPORTS (7.944), TOTAL REFINERY PRODUCTION (5.12 MILLION METRIC TONS, INCLUDING 653 THOUSAND TONS OF LPG), THE 1976 DINAR VALUE OF EXPORTS OF FUEL AND LUBRICANTS (21.097 BILLION, CRUDE OIL (19.336 BILLION), LPG (137.0 MILLION), NATURAL GAS (636.0 MILLION), AND REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (972.6 MILLION). WE KNOW OF NO OTHER OFFICIAL FIGURES RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC.

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2. A BETTER SOURCE IS THE MEMORANDUM ON THE ECONOMIC SITUATION AND PROSPECTS OF ALGERIA, PUBLISHED IN FEBRUARY BY THE IBRD. TABLES 10.2, 10.3 AND 10.4 OF THAT DOCUMENT GIVE DETAILED FIGURES (ALAS ONLY THROUGH 1976) ON PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS OF CRUDE AND CONDENSATE BY FIELD AND BY LOADING PORT, REFINERY PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS OF

ABOUT A DOZEN PRODUCTS, AND PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS OF
NATURAL GAS AND LNG. THE DOCUMENT IS AVAILABLE FROM THE
IBRD OR FROM NEA/AFN.

3. THE AMBASSADOR IS MAKING A PERSONAL EFFORT TO
OBTAIN 1977 FIGURES FROM SONATRACH, THE STATE HYDROCARBON
COMPANY. WE ARE, HOWEVER, NOT SANGUINE ABOUT THE OUT-
COME OF THIS EFFORT AND IF IT FAILS WE WILL NOT BE ABLE
TO FURNISH ANY MORE INFORMATION THAN IS GIVEN IN PARAS
1 AND 2 ABOVE IN SATISFACTION OF THESE TWO CERP REQUIRE-
MENTS.HAYNES

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